



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1104

LCO No. 3857

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-66dd of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *July 1, 2011*):

4 (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of this subsection and except as may
5 be waived pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-66bb, charter
6 schools shall be subject to all federal and state laws governing public
7 schools.

8 (2) At least one-half of the persons providing instruction or pupil
9 services in a charter school shall possess the proper certificate other
10 than (A) a certificate issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection
11 (c) of section 10-145b, or (B) a temporary certificate issued pursuant to
12 subsection (c) of section 10-145f on the day the school begins operation
13 and the remaining persons shall possess a certificate issued pursuant
14 to said subdivision (1) or such temporary certificate on such day,
15 except that the Commissioner of Education may waive the
16 requirements of this subdivision upon a showing of good cause and

17 teacher effectiveness for any person who does not possess the proper
18 certification.

19 (3) The commissioner may not waive the provisions of chapters 163c
20 and 169 and sections 10-15c, 10-153a to 10-153g, inclusive, 10-153i, 10-
21 153j, 10-153m and 10-292.

22 (4) The state charter school governing council shall act as a board of
23 education for purposes of collective bargaining. The school
24 professionals employed by a local charter school shall be members of
25 the appropriate bargaining unit for the local or regional school district
26 in which the local charter school is located and shall be subject to the
27 same collective bargaining agreement as the school professionals
28 employed by said district. A majority of those employed or to be
29 employed in the local charter school and a majority of the members of
30 the governing council of the local charter school may modify, in
31 writing, such collective bargaining agreement, consistent with the
32 terms and conditions of the approved charter, for purposes of
33 employment in the charter school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2011	10-66dd(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Commissioner of Education to waive the requirement that teachers in charter schools hold certification when the charter school can demonstrate the effectiveness for any uncertified teacher.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]